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On May 5, 2003, Governor Davis signed SBX1 24, which amended the Health and Safety Code to repeal the statutory authority and designation of duties for Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) Planning Councils. Coincidentally, the regularly scheduled sunset review date for the Los Angeles County Adult Day Health Care Planning Council is August 31, 2003.

Adult Day Health Care is a service that affects an important segment of the County population. ADHC Centers provide partial-day treatment, nourishment and socialization services for elderly residents, many of whom would otherwise remain homebound and isolated. ADHC Centers can play a valuable role in the life of elderly persons and help defer dependency on more costly residential and nursing care.

The ADHC Planning Councils were originally created to advise the California Department of Health Services and the California Department of Aging on applications from potential ADHC providers. This was a permissive requirement for Counties, and no state funding was allocated for this purpose.

For several years, Los Angeles County's ADHC Planning Council, with appointees from each Board office, has been reviewing all applications within the

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County for ADHC licenses. Under SBX1 24, the State will directly review all applications without County input.

We are concerned about the proliferation of ADHC Centers throughout the County in recent years, and about the quality of services rendered. Any restructuring of the program should ensure that there is an appropriate distribution of these services in local communities, based on need, that an effective monitoring program is in place to assure services are of high quality and that the Medi-Cal monies that support ADHC Centers are appropriately spent. The County should review these issues and report any concerns to the State before relinquishing its role under California regulations.

WE THEREFORE MOVE that the Director of Health Services, in consultation with the ADHC Planning Council, be directed to prepare a final report on the status of Adult Day Health Care in Los Angeles County. This report, to be completed by October 1, should include information on the distribution of Adult Day Health Care Centers throughout the County, compared to community needs. The report should include a list of ADHC Centers in Los Angeles County, numbers of people served, and the Medi-Cal expenditures for each. Insofar as possible, the report should also detail the type and quality of services rendered. The report should identify both gaps in services, based on need, and areas of over-saturation of services. The report should also include a description of the ADHC program under SBX1 24, including the new approval process and quality assurance program, and identify any issues of interest to the County that should be communicated to State officials.

WE FURTHER MOVE that, as part of its upcoming sunset review of the Los Angeles County Adult Day Health Care Planning Council, the Audit Committee be requested to consider the import of SBX1 24 and the recommendations of the above report.